

DEMAND XIV—INDUSTRIES.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 437 under Demand XIV—Industries.

This amount is required for expenditure in connection with the introduction of spinning in the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute at Nagercoil. It is made up of the following items, *viz.*, Rs. 300 for the pay of a teacher on Rs. 50 per mensem for six months, Rs. 101 for getting *charkas* and Rs. 36 and accessories for current charges, such as the price of cotton etc. I hope the House will grant this demand.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): May I know whether the spinning industry has any prospects in Trivandrum?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It might thrive if encouraged.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): May I ask whether spinning was not introduced in accordance with a resolution passed by this House?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That resolution referred only to the Vernacular Schools.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the member means any fun in regard to this demand?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No, I do not mean any fun at all. (*Laughter.*)

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether Government propose to make the instructor of spinning a permanent one or is it contingent upon the success of the industry?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I am not in possession of the House now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I am afraid that nobody is in possession of the House.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Chacko was in possession of the House. Subsequent to his speech, I did not see any member rising and speaking either against or for the demand.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I am only continuing my question.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I heartily appreciate the idea of starting a school like that. But I doubt very much whether it is necessary to pay Rs. 50 to a teacher. There was a special school at Trivandrum to train Vernacular School teachers to teach spinning, and these teachers are available to Government. I do not think it is necessary to pay Rs. 50, while people who are able to devote their full time for instruction are prepared to accept the post for much less than Rs. 20. I would very seriously suggest that Rs. 25 might be paid to the instructor. I am sure the House knows that a large number of experts are available.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In this connection, I beg to say a few words. It is really a matter of very great gratification to me that the Director of Industries has brought this Demand, particularly in reference to the S. M. R. V. Institute at Nagercoil. In the first place, it has been more or less understood that weaving and spinning have been taken for some time past as a red rag. Subsequently, people were given to understand the real utility of such industries. Here I may just draw the attention of the Director of Industries to the fact that he may employ the poor Sourashtras of Kottar. The Sourashtras belong to a community who are weavers by profession. As a direct result of the war, they were not able to find sufficient yarn inasmuch as the price of yarn rose by leaps and bounds. Nearly seven thousand souls were let loose in Nagercoil and they are now begging for alms from house to house. If the Director of Industries is in earnest in appointing instructors, I suggest that members might be appointed from this community which is really suffering from want of work. By this introduction, the industry will be brought into that desirable state which we all desire as well as wish.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Mr. A. K. Pillai said that the pay of the Instructor might be reduced from Rs. 50 to Rs. 25. If Mr. A. K. Pillai will let us have the services of teachers for that pay, I can have no objection. The Instructor will be appointed for six months. It is proposed that he should give instruction to the teachers who will then continue to impart instruction to the students in the school.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I may remind the President that I was not opposing the motion; but I was only making a suggestion that people are available for Rs. 25.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I knew that.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): I beg to point out that, if people are available for a salary of Rs. 25, they might be appointed.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): I rise to a point of order. Mr. Chacko has replied.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): I am only making a suggestion.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House agrees to the grant. The grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—CHEMICAL EXAMINER, AYURVEDA, ETC.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 450 to be paid as honorarium to Mr. K. Kesava Pillai, Lecturer in Modern Anatomy and Physiology in the Ayurveda College, in consideration of the work that he has done in publishing three books. Mr. Kesava Pillai has now for seven years been a Lecturer in the Ayurveda College; and he has experienced great difficulty in finding suitable text-books for his lectures and therefore he set himself to the task of publishing text-books